

Churches in the Benefice of Rural East York
Dunnington, Stockton-on-the-Forest, Warthill & Holtby

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th December: 4th Sunday in Advent

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16, Romans: 1: 1-7, Matthew 1: 18-25



Today

- 10.30am **Holy Communion Benefice Service:** Holy Trinity, Stockton
Rev Mark Poole
- 4.00pm Carol Service: St Mary, Warthill
- 6.00pm Carol Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington
Rev Mark Poole & Judith Hewitt



[Online Benefice Worship](#)

This week

Monday 19 December

- 4.30pm Carol Singing at The Glebe

Tuesday 20 December

- 9.00am Morning Prayer: St Mary, Warthill
- 8.30pm Carol Singing at The Fox, Stockton

Wednesday 21 December

- 9.00am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 9.45am Bereavement Cafe: St Nicholas Tower Room
- 10.00am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 7.00pm [Compline \(zoom\)](#)

Thursday 22 December

- 6.00pm Carols on the Green

Friday 23 December

- 12.30 Christmas Communion followed by soup and a pudding

Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve Services

- 3.00pm Crib Service: St Mary, Warthill
- 4.00pm Crib Service: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 5.00pm Crib Service: St Nicholas, Dunnington
- 7.00pm Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Holtby
- 9.00pm Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 11.30pm Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington



Next Week

Sunday 25th December : Christmas Day

Readings: To be decided locally

- 9.00am Holy Communion: St Mary, Warthill
- 10.30am Holy Communion: Holy Trinity, Stockton
- 10.30am Holy Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington

Thinking about being confirmed?

I have arranged for Bishop John of Selby to conduct a confirmation service at St Nicholas church in Dunnington on Sunday 12th March 2023.

Therefore, I would like to extend a warm invitation to folks of all ages from across the benefice to attend a series of lively, engaging and informative sessions to explore and learn about the Christian faith and what it means to be a disciple of Christ. This is open to anyone, whether you wish to be confirmed or not. The dates are as follows:

- Thursday 16th February (half term) 9:30am to 1:00pm including a light lunch
- Thursday 23rd February 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday 2nd March 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday 9th March 6:30pm to 8:30pm

An hour on the afternoon of Saturday 11th March for a run through the service for those who will be confirmed.

If you would like to register your interest and/or would like to know more then please do email me on: revmarkpoole20@gmail.com or telephone me on 01904 400910.

Revd Mark



Praying for the benefice

Holy Spirit guide those who are seeking the right person for us and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry.

Amen

Benefice News And Events

Community Café. Our Community Café on Saturday mornings provides a warm safe place for conversations and company. We now need volunteers to serve coffee occasionally for the Café to continue. If you can help please speak to Kath Bridgford or Jocelyn Auton. Please note there will be no Café on 24th or 31st December.

Messy Star Party. You are invited to our party on Sunday 8th January from 3.00 to 5.00 in the Tower Room. Please pass the invitation on to families you know.



Nativity Prayer Trail. Do explore the trail, outside and inside St Nicholas Church from Sunday 18th. There will be 7 nativity themed prayer stations, easy to access and suitable for everyone, of all ages. Spend time exploring each station as you reflect on the nativity story in the Gospels.

Dunnington Carol Service. After our Carol Service on Sunday 18th December, we will be serving Mulled Wine, mince pies and shortbread. If you can offer either a few mince pies or some shortbread they will be gratefully received, thank you.

Poppleton Christmas Tree Festival. Come and see over twenty beautifully decorated Christmas trees at Poppleton Methodist church's Christmas Tree Festival. Saturday 17th 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday 18th noon – 4 p.m. Monday 19th 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Entry is free.

Christmas Quiz. Frances Priestnall has written a Christmas family quiz and all the answers are made up of the letters that you find in "Happy Christmas". Contact Frances by email at davidpriestnall@hotmail.com or by ringing 01904 703229. The price of the quiz is £1. The proceeds go to the Ruach redevelopment fund at Poppleton Methodist church.

Carols on the Green stewards required

There are no road closures for this event on Thursday evening at 6pm, so we need about 6 volunteers to act as safety stewards at this event. If you have your own high-vis jacket and are prepared to stand on the path that borders the Green and Greenside from 5.45pm throughout the event to prevent people standing in the road please can you let Carole White know ASAP.

Carole will be standing at the entrance to the section of Greenside that runs alongside the Green to prevent anyone parking down there (to ensure the residents who live down there can access their properties and in case emergency vehicles need access)

Thank you!

Carol Singing. We are singing Carols at The Glebe on Monday 19th at 4.30pm, at The Fox, in Stockton on Tuesday 20th at 8.30pm and on The Green in Dunnington on Thursday 22nd at 6.00pm.



Christmas Communion followed by soup and pudding. If you know anyone who might like to come on 23rd December, do ask them, lifts can be arranged. (Contact Judith 488331) If you can help, please sign the list in the Tower Room. This service is for anyone who might find it difficult to get to Church for their Christmas Communion. **To help with catering can you let Judith know if you plan to attend, thank you**

The Bird Family. Nick, Diane and the family have now moved so please do not put anything in the Rectory letter box for them.

Can you offer a little time to cut back the shrubs outside The Rectory? If you can offer to cut back and take away the shrubs at the front of The Rectory, please speak to Carole, Peter or Judith.

June's Poems. If you enjoy June's poems you can now buy, for a suggested donation of £2.00, a book of them. They are available when there is a service at St Nicholas or from June.

Please have a look at this link if you are able to. Such a lovely idea.

<https://www.facebook.com/ThisIsDunnington/photos/a.1048486811928632/5526286084148660/>

Just a reminder that the newsletter for the 25th December will cover 2 weeks. Thank-you.

The new delivery date for January's Grapevine will now be Tuesday 20th December.

Lectionary Corner at St Nicholas

A selection of prayers will be displayed at Lectionary Corner.



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Next newsletter on **Sunday 18th December** [Email items to grapevine.rev@gmail.com](mailto:grapevine.rev@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on **Thursday 15th December**